

2008 SPRING  
**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, May Tenth  
Two Thousand Eight  
Bresnan Arena, Taylor Center  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

## To Our Guests

Today we recognize our graduates' accomplishments. This ceremony is an important and meaningful occasion for students, their families and friends, and the faculty and staff of Minnesota State University, Mankato. We offer you the following guidelines to enhance the dignity and smooth flow of the ceremony:

Please withhold applause during the presentation of the degrees until all candidates for graduation have returned to their seats.

Please remain seated throughout the ceremony.

Please do not enter the aisles to take pictures or video of the graduates. Arrangements have been made to have three professional photos taken of each graduate. A professional DVD will be available for purchase as well.

When the ceremony has concluded, we ask that you immediately proceed out of the arena. Your cooperation ensures a pleasant, memorable experience for all audience members.

Thank you.

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# Program

## 9:00 A.M.

**Prelude Concert** Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet

Gerard Aloisio, Associate Professor of Music  
Tom Giles, Emeritus Professor of Music  
Stewart Ross, Professor of Music  
Dave Schultz, '70, '73  
Doug Snapp, Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

**Processional March**

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

**National Anthem**

Kimm Julian  
Assistant Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

**Greetings**

Tim Price, Esquire, '71  
Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor  
Office of the Chancellor  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

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Christopher Nathaniel Frederick  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering  
Spring 2008 Graduate  
2007-2008 President of Minnesota State Student Association

**Address**

Tysen Drew Dauer  
Bachelor of Arts  
Spring 2008 Graduate  
College of Arts and Humanities

Elizabeth Ann Drommerhausen  
Bachelor of Science  
Spring 2008 Graduate  
College of Science, Engineering and Technology

**Conferring of Degrees**

**Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Mankato Alumni Association**

Tim Huebsch, '02  
Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association

**Recessional March \***

*\*Audience to remain seated.*



# Platform Guests

RICHARD DAVENPORT  
President  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

TIM PRICE, Esquire  
Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor  
Minnesota State Colleges and  
Universities

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Chief Information Officer

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Dean of the College of Arts and  
Humanities

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Vice President for Institutional Diversity

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Dean of the College of Science,  
Engineering and Technology

ROBERT HOFFMAN  
Vice President for Strategic Business,  
Education, and Regional Partnerships

TIM HUEBSCH  
Minnesota State Mankato Alumni  
Association

JOHN JANC  
Professor of Modern Languages

MICHAEL A. MILLER  
Interim Vice President for University  
Advancement

SCOTT R. OLSON  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

JEFF PRIBYL  
Professor of Chemistry and Geology

JOAN ROCA  
Dean of Library Services

RICHARD J. STRAKA  
Vice President for  
Finance and Administration

PATRICIA SWATFAGER-HANEY  
Vice President for Student Affairs

9:00 A.M. PROGRAM

# Procession Participants

## FACULTY HONOR MARSHALS

John Janc,  
Professor of  
Modern Languages  
Jeff Pribyl,  
Professor of Chemistry and  
Geology

## COLLEGE HONOR MARSHALS

Roger Sheffer,  
College of Arts and  
Humanities  
Pavel Kitsul,  
College of Science,  
Engineering and  
Technology

## JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

Kristina Sukalski,  
College of Arts and  
Humanities  
Tatyana Mamchuk,  
College of Science,  
Engineering and  
Technology

## MARCHING FACULTY

### PROFESSORS

John Banschbach  
Charles Cantale  
Daniel Cronn-Mills  
David Dickau  
Brian Frink  
James Grabowska  
Gwen Griffin  
William Hudson  
Mary Susan Johnston  
Julie Kerr-Berry  
Charles Lewis  
Richard Liebendorfer  
John Lindberg  
David McCarl  
Mark A. Pickar  
Kay Puttock  
Richard Robbins  
Stephen Stoyhoff  
Mahbubur Syed  
Enrique Torner

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

Gale Allen  
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Kellian Clink  
David Engen  
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Curt Germundson  
James B. Johnson  
Dean Kelley  
C. Michael Lindstrom  
Michael Lusch  
Marie Pomije  
Mezbahur Rahman  
Amy Roisum Foley  
Timothy Secott  
Dan Singer  
Robert Sorensen  
Patrick A. Tebbe  
Kristen Treinen  
Michael Wells  
W. James Wilde  
Edward (Ned) Williams

### ASSISTANT PROFESSORS

Evan Bibbee  
Candace Black  
Thomas R. Brown  
Aaron S. Budge  
Heather Camp  
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Brandon Cooke  
Kristen Cvancara  
Christopher Danielson  
James Dimock  
Rachel Droogsma  
Alisa Eimen  
Craig T. Evers

Scott Fee  
Paul Finocchiaro  
Brad Garner  
Geoffrey Goellner  
Heather Hamilton  
Diana Joseph  
Bethann Lavoie  
Karen Lybeck  
Justine Martin  
Jin Y. Park  
Mavis Richardson  
Deepak Sanjel  
Esther Smidt  
Gregory Taylor  
Brian Wasserman  
Erik Waterkotte  
Leah White  
Matthew Willemsen

### INSTRUCTORS

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Jessica Samens  
Brad Widness

### ADMINISTRATIVE and SUPPORT FACULTY

Maria Baxter-Nuamah  
Diane Berge





# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Todd R. Anderson, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson

Sadie F. Arch, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella  
Thesis: *Metonymic Play in Vera  
Chytilova's Daisies: Male  
Representation and Female  
Community*

Pamela A. Becker, Janesville  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Magina M. Briggs, White Bear Lake  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara  
Thesis: *Understanding Current  
College Students: An Investigation  
of Correlations between  
Communication, Generation NeXt  
Characteristics and Volunteerism*

Natalie J. Casper, Mankato  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Johnston

Alan I. Clipperton, North Mankato  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Julia A. Curran, Mankato  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Drescher

Laura E. Drent, Worthington  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann  
Thesis: *Assessing the Need for  
Change: A Curricular Profile of  
MnSCU Two-Year State College  
Communication Departments*

Janice R. Dunlap, Chaska  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Terrance Flaherty

Paul A. Elliot, Saint Peter  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson

Lynn K. Gillespie, Minneapolis  
Art  
Advisor: Brian Frink  
Thesis: *Vertigo*

Brian L. Grewe, Jr., White Bear Lake  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Anna J. Hulseberg, North Mankato  
English: Technical Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Roland Nord

Katie Ischkin, Canada  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Treinen

Kasey L. Kolander, Lakefield  
English: General Studies  
Advisor: Dr. John Banschbach  
Thesis: *Harry Potter and the Quest to  
Become a Heroic Adult*

Nickie A. Kranz, Good Thunder  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Johnston  
Thesis: *Seduction, Abandonment, and  
Sorcery in Middle English Lyrics*

Patrick S. Loeb, North Mankato  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: James Dimock  
Thesis: *To Concede or Command?  
A Rhetorical Analysis of President  
George W. Bush's 2008 State of  
the Union Address*

Allison B. Lund, Forest River,  
North Dakota  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Sewell  
Thesis: *Female Friendships as  
Replacements for Mother-Daughter  
Relationships in Toni Morrison's  
The Bluest Eye, Sula and Love*

Jessica S. Miles, North Mankato  
English: General Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Anne O'Meara

Nilufer Misirli, Turkey  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Tina J. Mowrey, Mankato  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck

Michal A. Mussell, Plainview  
Art  
Advisor: Rea Mingeva  
Thesis: *Cheater Cloth*

Carl J. Nelson, Saint Peter  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donald Larsson  
Thesis: *Capturing the Dead: The Visual  
Imagery and Cross-Continuities of  
Ambrose Bierce's Civil War Memoir  
and Short Stories and Mathew  
Brady's Photography*

Jon P. Nibbe, Ormsby  
Art  
Advisor: Todd Shanafelt  
Thesis: *Quiet Conflict*

Ummu G. Ozarslan, Turkey  
English: TESL  
Advisor: Dr. Karen Lybeck  
Thesis: *What Nonnative Speakers  
Think about Their Interactions with  
Native Speakers*

Amber L. Rahe, North Mankato  
Art  
Advisor: Brian Frink  
Thesis: *Through the Eyes of Giants*

Jessica J. Rodning, Saint Peter  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Gwen E. Skar, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota  
English: Literature  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella  
Thesis: *Kate McPhelim Cleary:  
Struggles within the Domestic Sphere*

Paul S. Trapp, Mankato  
Art  
Advisor: Brian Frink

Geoffrey D. Wood, Island Heights,  
New Jersey  
English  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Casella  
Thesis: *The Family, the Outsider, and  
the National Body in the Films of  
Takashi Miike*

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Jessica A. Benjamin, Poughkeepsie,  
New York  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph  
Thesis: *Perfect Little Boxes*

Kristyn M. Blessing, Calumet,  
Michigan  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins

Melissa H. Brandt, Rochester  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Terry Davis  
Thesis: *Dog Year*

Antoinette K. Cole, Chicago, Illinois  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph  
Thesis: *Lullaby Girls*

Anika L. Cristwell, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Terry Davis

Jenny Y. Cropp, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *Food for the Dead*

James W. Dunnan IV, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Terry Davis  
Thesis: *The Cover*

Sara E. Gronstal, Council Bluffs,  
Iowa  
Forensics  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills

Bryan E. Johnson, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Diana Joseph

Anna C. Kelley, Dubuque, Iowa  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Terrill  
Thesis: *Weight and Measure*

Kathleen N. Lacey, Hopkins  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer  
Thesis: *The Dead Woman's Library*

Sarah S. Langdon, Saint Peter  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black  
Thesis: *Notes From an Insomniac*

Bronson J. Lemer, Harvey,  
North Dakota  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Terrill  
Thesis: *The Last Rodeo:  
A Year Lost in Iraq*

Nathan G. Melcher, Hopkins  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Terry Davis  
Thesis: *Earthlings*

Luke T. Rolfes, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Dr. Roger Sheffer  
Thesis: *Breathe Tough*

Dylan T. Schultz, Algona, Iowa  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *The Clawhammer  
Collaboration*

Britt K. Steiger, Jackson, Wisconsin  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Other Plans*

Natalie A. Stowe, Mankato  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Candace Black

Jonathan M. Surdo, Minneapolis  
Creative Writing  
Advisor: Richard Robbins  
Thesis: *Rat Trap*

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Adrian A. Barnett, New Richland  
Music  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Moxness

Ryan P. Perry, Mankato  
Choral Conducting  
Advisor: Dr. David Dickau

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Muhammad Abdul-Wahab, Mankato  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Michael Bentley  
Thesis: *The Distribution of Peyer's  
Patches During Yersinia  
Enterocolitica Infection in Mice*

Robert W. Bade, Mankato  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Brock McMillan

John T. Bealka, Stillwater  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Taylor

Matthew J. Beiswanger, Rochester  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Thomas Brown

Pabina Bista, Tehachapi, California  
Environmental Sciences  
Advisor: Dr. Bertha Proctor  
Thesis: *Assessing the Water Quality  
of Maple River, Minnesota Using  
Macroinvertebrate Community  
Data*

Kurt E. Brown, Jamaica  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. Hamed Sallam

Joseph W. Camplin, Northfield  
Math: Statistics Option  
Advisor: Dr. Pavel Kitsul

Tye B. Davis, Grand Meadow  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Jin Park



Michelle D. Dodge, Trego,  
Wisconsin  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Timothy A. Fay, Grand Meadow  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Jin Park

Timothy B. Grittner, Mankato  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Steven Case

Rinku Gurung, Nepal  
Environmental Sciences  
Advisor: Dr. Bertha Proctor

Elizabeth A. Harsma, Owatonna  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Contag

Halyna Hodovanets, Ukraine  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Youwen Xu

Matthew S. Inman, Mankato  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Thomas Brown  
Thesis: *The Effect of the Use of  
Online Homework on Problem  
Solving Ability of Introductory  
Physics Students*

Mohammed A. Islam, Bangladesh  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Steven Case

Ravikiran Koduri, India  
Multidisciplinary Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Christophe Veltsos

Daniel G. Kuchinka, Montgomery  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Warren Sandmann

Dheeraj Kumar, Eagan  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley

Samridha Kunwar, Nepal  
Physics  
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Roberts

Dale W. LaRue, Saint Charles  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen

Nhan D. Le, Vietnam  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Dr. David Haglin  
Thesis: *Finding Minimal Infrequent  
Itemsets on a Cluster*

Vijay K. Mesala, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Gale Allen

Shirley G. Nieto-Flores, Peru  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Jonathan E. Olson, New Ulm  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Matthew K. Perlik, Medina, Ohio  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Brock McMillan  
Thesis: *Aspects of Wind Turbine  
Induced Bat Mortality and Hoary  
Bat Prey Use in Southwestern  
Minnesota*

Tung S. Pham, Vietnam  
Computer Science  
Advisor: Steven Case

Akhlaqur Rahman, Bangladesh  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Qun Zhang  
Thesis: *Performance Optimization  
for Fiber Optical Communication  
System*

Rebecca J. Rick, Janesville  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Pataranut Rujirawat, Thailand  
Math: Statistics Option  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Vinayak Saklani, India  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Muhammad Khaliq  
Thesis: *Electrical Characterization of  
Ultrathin Gate Dielectric for Sub  
80nm CMOS Technology*

Bibiana Sanabria Toro, Colombia  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. Karl Heise

Paul A. Steevens, Mankato  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Harry Petersen  
Thesis: *The Effects of E20 on  
Materials Used in Automotive Fuel  
System Components*

Kumiko Suzuki, Japan  
Math: Statistics Option  
Advisor: Dr. Mezbahur Rahman

Corey M. Thibeault, Mankato  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Archana Thota, Eden Prairie  
Biology  
Advisor: Dr. Dorothy Wrigley

Rosalva Ulloa, Lake Crystal  
Spanish  
Advisor: Dr. James Grabowska

Brian C. Weninger, Holmen,  
Wisconsin  
Engineering  
Advisor: Dr. Patrick Tebbe

Whitney B. Winkels, Owatonna  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Kristen Cvancara

Amanda M. Young, Kearney,  
Nebraska  
Speech Communication  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Cronn-Mills







# College of Arts and Humanities

The candidates will be presented by Jane F. Earley, Dean.

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Elizabeth A. Armon, English/  
Speech Education  
Brita J. Askevold, Mass  
Communications  
Heidi A. Berens, Spanish  
Alicia A. Brush, Spanish  
Casey J. Carmody,  
Mass Communications  
Starrla G. Cray,  
Mass Communications  
Tysen D. Dauer, German  
Tysen D. Dauer, Humanities  
Sean A. Flanders, English  
Kaitlin A. Hernandez, Spanish  
Nicole K. Johannson, English  
Nicole K. Johannson, French  
Korrine M. Johnson, Music: Education  
Cassandra T. Kastner, Spanish  
Ian S. Laird, Art  
Heidi E. Larson, Theatre Arts  
Deborah L. Lindell, Theatre Arts  
Sheena E. Mensing, Art Education  
Priscilla J. Mudd, Spanish Education  
K-12  
Mandy R. Nelson, Spanish  
Bronson L. Pettitt,  
Mass Communications  
Michael A. Pettman, Music  
Andrew J. Pyzyk, Spanish  
Emily C. Reining, English  
Karen J. Rubbert,  
Mass Communications  
Paige G. Schuette, Mass  
Communications  
Sarah M. Shearer, English  
Christy L. Smiland,  
Speech Communication  
Ryan A. Stubbe, Philosophy  
Jamie L. Ta, Mass Communications  
Rebecca L. Unetic, Music

## MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Douha S. Abd El-Fatah,  
Mass Communications

Joan M. Austin Gruter, English  
Jenna E. Bauer, Art  
Elizabeth J. Brolsma, Art Education  
Andrea J. Brummund, English  
Andrea J. Brummund, Art  
Lucas J. Brun, German  
Sheena C. Curry,  
Mass Communications  
Trenton A. Ecker, Mass  
Communications: Public Relations  
Trenton A. Ecker,  
Speech Communication  
Jessica M. Ekstrand,  
Mass Communications  
Sarah M. Erickson,  
Mass Communications  
Ryan B. Finnegan,  
Speech Communication  
Heather A. Folsom, Theatre Arts  
Joseph H. Ford, Theatre Arts  
Nataly N. Giammona, English/  
Speech Education  
Heather M. Hagen, Music Industry  
Bridget E. Hartung,  
Mass Communications  
Amanda S. Herlund, Art  
Kelly C. Hogan, Art Education  
Emely M. Iverson,  
Speech Communication  
Emely M. Iverson, Spanish  
Laura M. Izuno, Music: Education  
Kathryn J. Jenney, Spanish  
Carlene R. Johnson,  
Mass Communications  
Carlene R. Johnson,  
Speech Communication  
Cammi L. Kennedy,  
Mass Communications  
Karissa M. Kettner,  
Mass Communications  
Amber R. King, Spanish  
Claire E. Lloyd, Theatre Arts  
John H. Maiers,  
Mass Communications  
Khouri N. Markos, Spanish

Cassandra L. Masters, Mass  
Communications: News-Editorial  
Cassandra L. Masters, Mass  
Communications: Public Relations  
Lisa M. Mayer, Art History  
Sara N. Meska, Music Industry  
Amy L. Miller,  
Speech Communication  
Amy L. Miller, English  
Mary A. Nelson, French  
Cassandra J. Neumann, Art  
Laura A. Pace, Music: Education  
Kati K. Pioske, Mass Communications  
Elizabeth A. Rau, Spanish  
Meghan A. Ray,  
Mass Communications  
Taren K. Reker, English  
Natalie S. Roberts, Spanish  
Melanie J. Rhode, Spanish  
Lindsay E. Roth, Art  
Amy N. Schlueter, Spanish  
Dustin P. Schroepfer, Spanish  
Education K-12  
Keri M. Stangler,  
Mass Communications  
Keri M. Stangler, Spanish  
Hanna B. Stapleton, German  
Timothy J. Taggart, English  
Marria L. Thompson, Art  
Marria L. Thompson, Art History  
Kyle D. Uhler, Mass Communications  
Holly M. VandenBerg, Open Studies  
Abigail R. Ward, English/  
Speech Education  
Chelsea L. Winchester, Art Education  
Patrick A. Winzenburg,  
Speech Communication  
Michael R. Zeman, English/  
Speech Education

## CUM LAUDE

Cathryn E. Arnst,  
Mass Communications  
Jennifer M. Brooks,  
Mass Communications  
Amanda C. Clemens, Spanish

Nathan C. Cook, Art  
Benjamin A. Dlugiewicz,  
Mass Communications  
Jena B. Ellerbusch, English  
Bradley J. Freihoefer, Philosophy  
Jessica J. Greene, English  
Adam B. Gruendemann,  
Music: Education  
Ashley K. Gullikson,  
Mass Communications  
Ashley K. Gullikson,  
Speech Communication  
Zachariah W. Hacker,  
Speech Communications  
Michael J. Hanzelka,  
Mass Communications

Christopher J. Jagerson,  
Mass Communications  
Salumeh Javid, Music  
Andrew W. Johnson,  
Mass Communications  
Brittany E. Katuin, Theatre Arts  
Jaime B. Killion, Spanish  
Jaime B. Killion,  
Mass Communications  
Amber R. Konz, Spanish  
Daryl R. Lawrence, Scandinavian  
Studies  
Katharine A. Moeller, Theatre Arts  
Alyssa L. Proulx, Art  
Amanda M. Reinarts,  
Mass Communications

Chelsey M. Robideau,  
Mass Communications  
Amy D. Shell, Theatre Arts  
Shane E. Solomon, Theatre Arts  
Nathan R. Stone,  
Mass Communications  
Amy J. Waller, French  
Kristina A. Welch, English  
Kristina A. Welch, Philosophy  
Luke D. Wetzel, German  
Brian R. Wollum,  
Mass Communications



## DEPARTMENT OF ART

*Professor James Johnson,  
Chairperson*

Jenna E. Bauer, BFA, Chaska  
Elizabeth J. Brolsma, BS, Sherburn  
Andrea J. Brummund, BFA,  
Sleepy Eye  
Eric A. Burton, BS, Maple Grove  
Nathan C. Cook, BFA, Ham Lake  
Katherine M. Deinken, BFA,  
Belle Plaine  
Stacy L. Fischer, BFA, Saint James  
Molly R. Foeman, BFA, Andover  
Amanda S. Herlund, BFA,  
Maplewood  
Kelly C. Hogan, BS, Prior Lake  
Jodi L. Hovden, BFA, Owatonna  
Nicole M. Korte, BFA, Apple Valley  
Ian S. Laird, BFA, New Ulm  
Katelyn M. Lubbers, BA, Andover  
Shannon K. Marzahl, BFA, Belmont,  
Wisconsin  
Lisa M. Mayer, BA, Belle Plaine  
Sheena E. Mensing, BS, Blue Earth  
Rebecca D. Meyer, BA, Mankato  
Nora E. Myers, BFA, Mankato  
Benjamin J. Nelson, BFA, Woodbury  
Cassandra J. Neumann, BFA,  
Medford  
Benjamin D. Olthafer, BA, Mankato  
Julianne M. Prior, BFA, Mankato  
Alyssa L. Proulx, BFA, Apple Valley  
Amanda M. Reichelt, BA, Lakeville

Jonathan A. Robertson, BFA, South  
Saint Paul  
Lindsay E. Roth, BFA,  
Inver Grove Heights  
Kayla S. Thompson, BFA, Albert Lea  
Marria L. Thompson, BA, Eagle Lake  
Chelsea L. Winchester, BS, Trimont  
Hanna K. Wolfsteller, BS, Annandale

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

*Professor John Banschbach,  
Chairperson*

Elizabeth A. Armon, BS, Blue Earth  
Joan M. Austin Gruter, BA, Mankato  
Collene E. Bach, BA, Victoria  
Adrienne K. Basch, BA, Shoreview  
Andrea J. Brummund, BA, Sleepy Eye  
Matthew T. Bynum, BS, Mankato  
Jonathan R. Colburn, BS, Lake Crystal  
Tysen D. Dauer, BA, Mankato  
Jena B. Ellerbusch, BS, Faribault  
Sean A. Flanders, BA, Rochester  
Nataly N. Giammona, BS, Mankato  
Jason A. Giroux, BA, North Mankato  
Jessica J. Greene, BA, Le Sueur  
Nicole K. Johannson, BA, Canada  
Lisa A. Johnson, BS, Waseca  
Aalex E. Kells, BS, Westbrook  
Matthew J. McCabe, BA, Madelia  
Amy L. Miller, BA, La Crosse,  
Wisconsin  
Andrew T. Miller, BA, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota

Michael W. Nelson, BS, Waltham  
Emily C. Reining, BA, Caledonia  
Taren K. Reker, BA, Adrian  
Ryan P. Schneider, BA,  
Inver Grove Heights  
StacyLee H. Scofield, BA,  
Winnebago  
Sarah M. Shearer, BA, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota  
Timothy J. Taggart, BA, Northfield  
Joan M. Tradup, BS, Plainview  
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## 12:00 P.M.

Prelude Concert Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet

Gerard Aloisio, Associate Professor of Music  
Tom Giles, Emeritus Professor of Music  
Stewart Ross, Professor of Music  
Dave Schultz, '70, '73  
Doug Snapp, Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

National Anthem

Kimm Julian  
Assistant Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Greetings

Tim Price, Esquire, '71  
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Nicole Christina Meulemans  
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Spring 2008 Graduate  
College of Allied Health and Nursing

Yunhui Elizabeth Voelker  
Bachelor of Science  
Spring 2008 Graduate  
College of Education

Conferring of Degrees

Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato  
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Tim Huebsch, '02  
Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association

Recessional March \*

*\*Audience to remain seated.*

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## JUNIOR HONOR MARSHALS

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Kiersten Jennings, College of  
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Bikash Nandy  
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Glen Peterson  
John Romas  
Gary Rushing  
Patricia Young  
Betty Young

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Jon Lim  
Karin Lindstrom Bremer  
Theresa Mackey  
Craig Ruedy  
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# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Adam W. Christ, Baltimore,  
Maryland  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Rayla Allison

Eric B. Coughlin, Two Harbors  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Yean Sub Lim

Morgan A. Coyle, Minneapolis  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee

Shane A. Drahota, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Brandon J. Emanuel, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Joseph Walsh

Tyler J. Eustice, Blue Earth  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Victoria R. Gomarko, Sauk Centre  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker  
Thesis: *Healthy Lifestyle Choices  
between Active and Sedentary  
Subjects*

Robert P. Hastings, Reno, Nevada  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff

Kerri A. Holz, Minneapolis  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Brenden L. Huber, Huron,  
South Dakota  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Joseph Walsh

Lisa L. Knutson, Madison Lake  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee  
Thesis: *An Analysis of Major League  
Baseball Management Positions  
and the Effect of Gender on  
Leadership*

Amanda J. Krause-Rideout, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Ryan M. Meulemans, Shakopee  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Sherry Folsom-Meek

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North Dakota  
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Haylee M. Orman, Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Soonhwan Lee

Lisa M. Paulson, Lino Lakes  
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Advisor: Dr. Mary Visser

Kelly J. Vogt, Bird Island  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Ecker

Shari D. Vogt, Richmond  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Mary Visser

Kristle K. Wolcott, Sheffield, Iowa  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

Brian M. Zins, North Mankato  
Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Garold Rushing

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Holly E. Nester, Wabasso  
K-12 Licensure  
Advisor: Dr. Daria Dona

Jessica M. Van Handel, Oakdale  
5-12 Licensure  
Advisor: Dr. Daria Dona

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Elizabeth J. Aas, Chaska  
Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Beth Handler

Mahamud M. Ahmed, Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Jill Barr  
Thesis: *Quality of Healthcare  
Interpreters for Somalis with Limited  
English Proficiency*

A.F.M. Sharful Alam, Mankato  
Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Maria V. Alexandrova, Russian Federation  
Health Science  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke  
Thesis: *Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination Awareness Accessibility and Application among Selected College Students*

Gina K. Anderson, North Mankato  
Health Science: School Health  
Advisor: Dr. Marge Murray-Davis  
Thesis: *A Study of Mankato Area Parent and Student Attitudes and Perceptions Related to Sexual Risk Behaviors and Sexuality Education*

Sarah E. Anderson, Lindstrom  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Amy M. Backler, North Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
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Evan J. Bartusek, Hanlontown, Iowa  
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Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Scott Wurdinger

Bemadette L. Bien, Burnsville  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke  
Thesis: *Assessment of a BMI Notification Program in a Suburban School District and a Profile of Reported Healthy Weight Related Behaviors for Elementary Students*

Cindy A. Binder, Indianola, Iowa  
Health Science  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

Julie I. Boertje, Wells  
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Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Lewis

Olga P. Brusilovsky, Eden Prairie  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke  
Thesis: *Effectiveness of Behavioral Modification MOVE (Managing Overweight and Obesity for Veterans Everywhere) Program at Minneapolis Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital*

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Educational Leadership  
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Advisor: Dr. Diane Coursol

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Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Busch

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Experiential Education  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Carlson  
Thesis: *Professional Development in Outdoor Education: A study investigating the certifications, experiences and competencies of Wilderness Education Association graduates*

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Educational Studies: Early Childhood  
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Health Science: Community Health  
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Thesis: *The Relationship between Gambling Behaviors and Academic Performance*

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Health Science: School Health  
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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Dr. Cindra Kamphoff  
Thesis: *Effects of Imagery and Cognitive Self-Management on the Self-Confidence of Female Collegiate Soccer Players*

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Communication Disorders  
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Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

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Special Education:  
Emotional Behavior Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Andrew Johnson

Carly L. Hopper, North Mankato  
Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke  
Thesis: *Perceived Benefits of Hatha  
Yoga for Women Aged 60  
and Older Regarding Balance,  
Mobility, Fall Prevention, and  
Functional Health Status*

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Advisor: Dr. Richard Kiefer-O'Donnell

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Special Education:  
Learning Disabilities  
Advisor: Dr. Gwen Berry

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Health Science: Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. M Larsen  
Thesis: *Determinants of Adolescent  
Smoking Cessation in the United  
States: The Influence of Gender,  
State of Change, Quit Attempts,  
Confidence in Quitting, Nicotine  
Dependence, Health Professional  
Advice and Mandatory Program  
Attendance*

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Library Media Education  
Advisor: Dr. John Solis

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Communication Disorders  
Advisor: Dr. Bruce Poburka

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Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger

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Mandy J. Wangen, Albert Lea  
Counseling and Student Personnel  
Advisor: Dr. Richard Auger



Betty Wambui Wariari, Kenya  
Community Health  
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy  
Thesis: *HIV/AIDS Education in Secondary Schools in the Developing Countries is Considered a "Social Vaccine": A Case Study of Nairobi, Kenya*

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Advisor: Dr. Judith Luebke

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Physical Education (Non-Teaching)  
Advisor: Rayla Allison

Xinxiao Yang, China  
Teaching and Learning:  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Foord

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ida M. Banks, Dodge Center  
Nursing  
Advisor: Dr. Norma Krumwiede

Jessica C. Braun, Saint Peter  
Nursing  
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Thesis: *Utilization of Community Social Supports by the Informal Caregiver: Impact on Esteem, Family Support, Finances, Schedule, and Health: A Pilot Study*

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# College of Education

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Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education  
Scott R. Pick, Elementary Education  
Katelyn E. Ruter, Elementary Education  
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Elementary Education

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3:00 P.M.

Prelude Concert Minnesota Valley Brass Quintet

Gerard Aloisio, Associate Professor of Music  
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Stewart Ross, Professor of Music  
Dave Schultz, '70, '73  
Doug Snapp, Associate Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Processional March

Edward Elgar/arrangement by Douglas R. Snapp

National Anthem

Kimm Julian  
Assistant Professor of Music  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Greetings

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Deputy to the Senior Vice Chancellor  
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Shannon Marie Finnegan  
Bachelor of Science  
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Conferring of Degrees

Welcome to the Minnesota State University, Mankato  
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Tim Huebsch, '02  
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Recessional March \*

*\*Audience to remain seated.*

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Maria Baxter-Nuamah  
Diane Berge



# College of Graduate Studies

The candidates will be presented by Anne Blackhurst, Dean.

## MASTER OF ARTS

Ina Acharya, Nepal  
Political Science  
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Vieceli  
Thesis: *Problems and Prospects of Democracy in Nepal: A Historical Perspective*

Lance W. Andrews, Seven Fields, Pennsylvania  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau  
Thesis: *Tournament Validity: Are Some Tournaments a Better Test of Player Ability Than Others?*

Ashley L. Arends, Blue Earth  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

Andrea M. Aukrust, New Ulm  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Nathaniel T. Dvorak, Dubuque, Iowa  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

Michael L. Feikema, Brookings, South Dakota  
History  
Advisor: Dr. Erwin Grieshaber

Rochelle M. Fischer, New Ulm  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Daniel K. Fung, Malaysia  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Filter  
Thesis: *On the Relation between Positive Behavior Support and Applied Behavior Analysis: An Empirical Investigation of Behavioral Professionals' Perspectives*

Jessica Gertz, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Erin K. Haberman, Heron Lake  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Steven Vassar  
Thesis: *The Effects of Religious Exposure from Youth and Into Adulthood: A Study of Religiosity*

Alfred L. Haugen, Princeton  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. David Laverny-Rafter

Judith N. Jeremie, Brooklyn, New York  
History  
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Corley

Denise M. Johnson, Eagle Lake  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Jeremy N. Jones, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez

LaNelius D. Jones, Mankato  
Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Anthony Filipovitch

Liesa A. Klein, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan  
Thesis: *Reliability and Validity of the Pyramids and Palm Trees Test*

Melissa A. Lenz, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Jeffrey A. Long, Paducah, Kentucky  
Political Science  
Advisor: Dr. Tomasz Inglot

Matthew A. Lust, Fredericksburg, Virginia  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Mahlia A. Matsch, Savage  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Ali A. Mayow, Mankato  
Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Dr. David Laverny-Rafter

Michael A. Pate, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly O'Farrell  
Thesis: *From Satisfaction to Support: Job Status and Satisfaction with Professional Development Opportunities Predict Perceived Organizational Support*

Beth E. Peters, Winner, South Dakota  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Sachau

Chad L. Peters, Kasota  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries

Aimee S. Pierce, Saint Louis, Missouri  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Andrea Lassiter  
Thesis: *Older Adults and Professional Development Trends: Data from the Field*

Alissa R. Reiersen, Detroit Lakes  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers  
Thesis: *Family Structure's Impact on Academic Achievement and Interpersonal Relations*

Trisha A. Rosenfeld, Arlington  
Urban and Regional Studies  
Advisor: Beth Heidelberg

Aaron C. Sedey, Maple Plain  
Urban Planning  
Advisor: Dr. Anthony Filipovitch

Cassie A. Shacklett, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Sifers  
Thesis: *The Impact of Family  
Environment and Family Structure  
on Conduct Problems*

Ray M. Sin, Singapore  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Steve Buechler

Ashley M. Stanoch, Roseville  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Page  
Thesis: *Cognitive Processes in  
Professional Police Drivers:  
Does Stress Affect Attentional  
Narrowing?*

Dashanne P. Stokes, Mankato  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Paul Prew

Benjamin J. Swenson, Mankato  
History  
Advisor: Dr. Humberto Loayza  
Thesis: *To "Dethrone the  
Cottonocracy:" Daniel Webster, the  
Liberty Party, and the Emergence of  
Northern Nationalism, 1830-45*

Alexis P. Tange, Plentywood,  
Montana  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Lisa Perez  
Thesis: *Personality as Moderator  
of the Relationship between Job  
Stressors and Need for Recovery*

Atul Upadhyay, Nepal  
Political Science  
Advisor: Dr. Eiji Kawabata

Becca J. Van Otterloo, Mankato  
Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Barry Ries  
Thesis: *Assessing College Students'  
Knowledge and Attitudes towards  
Older Adults*

Desiree R. Wiesen, Dover,  
New Hampshire  
Sociology: General  
Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Greer  
Thesis: *From Grassroots to Business  
Suits: The Professionalization of the  
Battered Women's Movement*

Cory L. Woods, Mankato  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
Advisor: Dr. Vinai Norasakkunkit

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Cindy C. Milbrath, Madison,  
Wisconsin  
Earth Science  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Dahlman

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jessica A. Beyer, Mankato  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Mathias R. Bitz, Bismarck,  
North Dakota  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Dale

Kamala Gurung, Nepal  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Catherine M. Johnson, Mankato\*  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Evangelos N. Kourkafas, Greece\*  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Ryan P. McGuire, Mankato  
Business Administration  
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Maurice Preston, Springfield, Virginia  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Kevin Elliott

Jennifer M. Soost, Mankato  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

Beatrice C. Yego, Kenya  
Business Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Fox

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Irfan H. Bangash, Pakistan  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
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Christopher A. Boyce, Mankato  
Public Administration  
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Najma M. Jama, Bloomington  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Ali M. Malik, Pakistan  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

Zachary W. Schmitz, Bonney Lake,  
Washington  
Public Administration  
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey  
Granberg-Rademacker

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Michael P. Bergervoet, Saint Peter  
Anthropology  
Advisor: Dr. Ronald Schirmer  
Thesis: *A Monument Mosaic:  
Merging Indian Oral Tradition and  
Scientific Method*

Karen L. Berro, Rochester  
Sociology: Corrections  
Advisor: Dr. Barbara Carson

Trina E. Bolton, Apple Valley  
Ethnic and Multi-Cultural Studies  
Advisor: Maricela DeMirjyn

Katherine L. Bowman, Eau Claire,  
Wisconsin  
Women's Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Jocelyn Stitt  
Thesis: *Madness as Resistance?:  
Representations of Categorical  
Madness in Brontë's Jane Eyre and  
Rhys' Wide Sargasso Sea*

Mary J. Bradley, North Mankato  
Gerontology  
Advisor: Dr. Bikash Nandy

Erica L. Carnes, Adel, Iowa  
Women's Studies  
Advisor: Dr. Jocelyn Stitt

Md A. Chowdhury, Bangladesh  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Changjoo Kim

Ren P. Clinton, Saint Paul  
Sociology: Human Services, Planning  
and Administration  
Advisor: Dr. William Wagner  
Thesis: *Washington County Juvenile  
Probation: A Case Study on the  
Effectiveness of the People Learning  
a Cooperative Existence Program  
(PLACE)*

Shelly A. Cornish, Saint Peter  
Gerontology  
Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Elliott  
Thesis: *The Exploration of Creating  
"Home" for Older Adults in an  
Assisted Living Community*

Piush M. Dahal, Nepal  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Changjoo Kim

Robin L. Erickson, Janesville  
Geography  
Advisor: Dr. Martin Mitchell

Daniel D. Fjeld, Franklin  
Geography  
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# University-Wide Honors and Distinctions

**Baccalaureate students who have achieved high cumulative grade point averages** wear gold medallions with colored satin ribbons. Gold ribbons signify summa cum laude (3.8 to 4.0 grade point average), purple ribbons signify magna cum laude (3.5 to 3.79 grade point average), and purple and gold ribbons signify cum laude (3.3 to 3.49 grade point average).

Members of **Phi Kappa Phi** wear white satin ribbons decorated with an ancient Greek pattern to symbolize the classical roots of the society. Phi Kappa Phi honors outstanding academic achievement among undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty members.

**University Scholars**, who are graduates of the University's Honors Program, wear gold stoles. The mission of the Honors Program is to provide top students with opportunities to pursue alternatives to general education, to meet at least weekly in small groups, and includes seminars, interdisciplinary seminars, service-learning, practicum, and a Senior Capstone Project.

Members of the **Golden Key International Honor Society** wear solid blue and gold honor cords. Membership in Golden Key is conferred upon students who exhibit exceptional scholarship and leadership potential.

**International Scholars** wear a purple and gold sash with a global emblem. These graduates have gained unique global perspectives either by studying abroad or joining our university from other nations.

## Program Honors and Distinctions

**Alpha Lambda Delta** is an honor society for first year students earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average in their first year. Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society. ALD members wear red and gold honor cords.

**Alpha Mu Gamma** is a national collegiate honor society for students majoring or minoring in world languages. Minnesota State Mankato's Beta Zeta chapter was chartered in 1961. The purposes of the Society are to recognize achievement in the field of world-language study; to stimulate a desire for linguistic attainment; to encourage a continuing interest in the study of world languages and cultures; and to foster understanding of other peoples.

Members of the Alpha Delta chapter of **Alpha Phi Sigma**, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, wear gold and blue honor cords. Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma is conferred upon Law Enforcement or Corrections majors who exhibit exceptional scholarship and leadership potential.

**Beta Gamma Sigma** is the international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Membership in the Society is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive and is denoted by the wearing of blue and gold honor cords.

Members of **Delta Sigma Pi**, an international co-educational business fraternity, wear entwined purple and gold honor cords. Membership in Delta Sigma Pi is conferred upon College of Business students who exhibit scholarship excellence and superior leadership potential.

Members of **Gamma Theta Upsilon**, the International Geographical Honor Society, wear honor cords (one each of blue, gold, and brown) representing the three domains of geography: brown for the Earth, light blue for the Sea, and gold for the sunlight in the Sky. Gamma Theta Upsilon activities support geography knowledge and awareness. The society was founded in 1928 and became a national organization in 1931.

**Lambda Pi Eta** honor graduates wear scarlet and white honor cords as symbols of their commitment to scholarship and their demonstrated leadership in communication studies. Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA). Founded in 1985, Lambda Pi Eta stands for Logos (logic and reasoning), Pathos (emotion) and Ethos (personal ethics and character).

Members of the Maverick Chapter of the **National Residence Hall Honorary** wear royal blue and white honor cords. These graduates have made outstanding contributions to the residence halls at Minnesota State University, Mankato during their college careers.

**Phi Alpha**, the National Social Work Honor Society, provides an opportunity for closer bonds among students of social work and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. Phi Alpha fosters high academic standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. Members of Phi Alpha wear gold honor cords.

Members of **Phi Upsilon Omicron**, an Honor Society in Family Consumer Science, wear purple, yellow, and white honor cords. Membership in Phi Upsilon Omicron is conferred upon Family Consumer Science majors who exhibit superior scholarship and leadership potential.

Members of **Pi Delta Phi**, the National French Honor Society, wear red, white and blue honor cords. Pi Delta Phi was founded in 1906 and installed the Mankato chapter, Nu Alpha, in 2001. This honor society recognizes outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature, increases the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world, and stimulates and encourages French and francophone cultural activities.

Members of the Upsilon Alpha chapter of **Pi Sigma Alpha**, the national political science honorary society, wear brass-finish medallions on broad red ribbons; red, black and white honor cords; or both. The purpose of Pi Sigma Alpha is to encourage excellence in the study of political science, international relations and public administration; to promote social and educational opportunities, as well as scholarly activity for students in these fields.

Members of **Psi Chi**, the National Honor Society in Psychology, wear double cords with tassels of blue and gold along with blue, white, and gold medallions. Psi Chi membership signifies high standards of personal behavior, superior grade point average, and high class rank. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of its members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.

Members of the School of Nursing's Honor Society Chapter of **Sigma Theta Tau International** (STTI), Mu Lambda, wear orchid and white honor cords. The mission of STTI is to improve the health of people worldwide through the development of nursing knowledge and nurse leaders. Criteria include high grade point average and class rank, academic integrity, and professional leadership potential.

Members of the **Pi Psi** chapter of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society, wear green and red honor cords and/ or gold medallions. Since its founding in 1922, more than 430 Tribeta chapters have been established in the United States. Membership in Tribeta is conferred to faculty and students dedicated to strong scholastic achievement, the understanding of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge.



# Symbolism and Tradition

## Procession

A traditional academic procession introduces the commencement exercises at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The wearing of distinctive apparel as an indication of scholarship and academic rank dates back to the 1300s and was adopted in the United States circa 1900.

## Gown

The Minnesota State University, Mankato President's Academic Gown has been specially constructed of heirloom-quality materials for use during formal academic occasions. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, falling in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. The master's gown is distinguished by its longer sleeves. The doctor's gown is black, elaborately decorated with velvet panels down the front and three bars of matching velvet on the bell-shaped sleeves.

## Mortarboard

The square "Oxford cap" or mortarboard of serge or broadcloth is worn for most degrees, although a soft tam is also permitted. The tassel that hangs to the side is switched from the right to the left at the moment the degree is awarded. The color of the tassel indicates the college or area from which a student will receive his or her degree.

## Hood

The hood is to be worn by graduates of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The color of the hood worn by Master's and Doctoral graduates indicates the degree. The velvet edging on the hoods indicate the specialty of study.

## Mace

The Minnesota State University, Mankato mace has been made entirely from Minnesota materials in recognition of the value and beauty of the state's natural resources and people. A university mace symbolizes both the university's power to overcome ignorance and prejudice by seeking truth, and the power of the university's president to protect the university and its community from forces opposed to those goals. The mace used in today's ceremony was commissioned and donated to Minnesota State by Fred and Karin Bock. The mace was created by Phil Swan, a Minnesota State University, Mankato alumnus from Prior Lake, Minnesota.

## Medallion

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Medallion is a round bronze piece that features the University seal and is worn around the neck of the President. The University seal is the official representation of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and use of it or its image is reserved for only the most dignified of occasions.

## Flag

The Minnesota State University, Mankato flag features the University seal against a field of purple, one of the designated colors of the University. The flag was commissioned in honor of the October 2003 Inauguration of Dr. Richard Davenport to symbolize the President's chosen direction for his term. The seal is the official representation of Minnesota State University, Mankato and is used sparingly and with dignity. It represents our past and our future and symbolizes our strength and global perspective.

## Honor Guard

The special honor guard presenting our national colors is from the Military Science Department, Army ROTC, Minnesota State University, Mankato. The flags displayed represent countries and sovereign nations of our students.



# Presidential Scholars

Each year, Minnesota State University, Mankato seeks incoming first-year and transfer students who demonstrate top academic performance; strong leadership skills; and a commitment to community involvement. Funding for Presidential Scholarships comes from businesses, estates, and individuals throughout Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State Mankato honors graduates of the Presidential Scholarship program.

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Management

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Tysen Drew Dauer  
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Humanities / German

Lisa Anne Neubert  
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2008 Bachelor of Athletic Training  
Athletic Training

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Wynn Kearney Presidential Scholar  
2008 Bachelor of Science  
Nursing

Katelyn Elizabeth Ruter  
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2008 Bachelor of Science  
Elementary Education

Elizabeth Marie Kern  
William Flies Presidential Scholar  
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Elementary Education

Andrew Russell Sturm  
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## Minnesota State University, Mankato Alumni Association

Congratulations on your graduation! And welcome to the Minnesota State Mankato Alumni Association, a powerful network of more than 105,000 alumni. Our mission is to engage alumni, friends and students in ways that benefit its members and Minnesota State Mankato, through opportunities that stimulate a lifetime of interest, loyalty and support.

As an alumna/us, you're a vital participant in the future of the University. To help you to maintain the connections you've built here at Minnesota State University, Mankato, we'll soon send you your first issue of TODAY, the University magazine for alumni and friends and the Alumni Reporter, our monthly e-newsletter. To ensure that you continue to receive the magazine and the e-newsletter and to stay up-to-date with our alma mater, we invite you to update your contact information with us via e-mail at [alumni@mnsu.edu](mailto:alumni@mnsu.edu) or by logging onto [www.MSUgrads.com](http://www.MSUgrads.com), the alumni on-line community. At [www.MSUgrads.com](http://www.MSUgrads.com) you can find Minnesota State Mankato friends and contact them, read up on the latest University news, register for events, network with fellow alumni and much more!

We celebrate this proud day with you, and look forward to your continued association with Minnesota State Mankato!

Best regards,

Cynthia Vlasich, '78  
President, Alumni Association

# University History

Mankato Normal School opened as the state's second teacher training school in 1868 in downtown Mankato with 27 students. Tuition was free in return for a student's pledge to teach two years in Minnesota's schools. Old Main was constructed in 1870, and this marked the beginning of the Valley Campus that would serve the institution for a century. In the 1880s, the school expanded and curriculum grew. In 1921 the school became Mankato State Teachers College, and in 1927 the institution awarded its first four-year degree, a bachelor of education.

In the late 1950s, the school was renamed Mankato State College, and construction began on the 300-acre Highland Campus. The College maintained two locations for several years. In 1975, the College received full university status. Four years later consolidation on the Highland Campus was complete. In 1998, for the fifth time in its 130-year history, the University adopted a new name to reflect expanded service to Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State University, Mankato continues to gain renown for the quality of its programs and the breadth of its service.

Dr. Richard Davenport, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, assumed his responsibilities as the University's twelfth president on July 1, 2002. Under Dr. Davenport's leadership, the University has embraced new strategic priorities; engaged in an academic master planning process; examined its commitment to diversity, and begun to take action to become a more inclusive and welcoming campus; and told our story further and wider than ever before, to legislators, leaders, parents, and alumni throughout the state and the nation.

Minnesota State Mankato offers 150 undergraduate programs of study, 16 pre-professional programs, and 82 graduate programs. The University has six colleges, 1,600 faculty and staff, and more than 14,000 students-the highest in a decade-including 1,600 graduate and professional students and over 500 international students from 68 countries. Alumni number 105,000 worldwide.

Minnesota State Mankato is on the Internet at [www.mnsu.edu](http://www.mnsu.edu).



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The Office of Alumni Relations and Special Events would like to thank the student workers and staff whose time and energy helped make today's ceremonies possible.

## SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

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## HOODERS

John Janc, Professor of Modern Languages will hood the Recipients of Master of Fine Arts degrees at the 9:00 A.M. ceremony.

Maureen Prens, Acting Dean of Education, will hood the Recipients of Specialist degrees at the 12:00 P.M. ceremony.



DVD and live web streaming services provided by Ted Johnson and Jerry Anderson of Minnesota State Mankato's Division of Information Technology Services. For information on purchasing a DVD of today's ceremony, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 507-389-3235.

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